



Oven Assembly and Operation Manual

This manual is for the following oven models:

Mezzo 76 Go

Mezzo 76 Kit

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FIRE AND SAFETY NOTICE: SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Failure to follow the Mezzo Oven Manual and Health and Safety instructions may result in oven damage, cause damage to property, cause bodily injuries or in some cases even cause death.

If you choose to use the oven, it is done so at your own risk. No liability is accepted by the Stone Bake Oven Company for any injury, damage or loss incurred.

DO NOT burn flammable liquids or similar at any time in the oven, including but not limited to; firelighter fluid, petrol, diesel, lantern oil or kerosene.

DO NOT artificially attempt to induce airflow through the oven, e.g. using a fan.

ONLY USE untreated dry hardwood as a fuel and DO NOT burn any refuse, plastics, treated wood including laminates, charcoal, chipped wood, pressure treated lumber, sappy wood (for example, pine) or fossil fuels.

ALWAYS WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING: We strongly recommend gloves for use during oven operation. ALWAYS keep children, groups of people, and pets a safe distance from the oven whilst in operation and whilst cooling.

ENSURE all tools and materials used in the oven are appropriate for high temperatures and take care whilst handling. No liability is accepted for any injury, damage or loss that occurs because non-approved tools have been used.

BEWARE of high temperatures achieved on the inside of the oven and be cautious of flying sparks. Ensure wood storage is covered by a non-combustible material.

ENSURE if you install your oven and flue indoors/under cover the appropriate building regulations and safety restrictions are met. Check with your local authority.

DO NOT keep any combustible materials, near or within range of the oven at any time. This includes clothing, furniture, electrics, nearby shrubs or trees, flammable materials, liquids or the like.

DO NOT touch the oven and flue, or artificially block or cover the oven entrance at any time during and after operation.

DISPOSE of ashes in a safe way once they are cold. Ensure you regularly clean your flue parts, failure to do so may result in flue fires.

DO NOT modify the oven in any way from the manufacturers design and specification. "Building in" as described by The Stone Bake Oven Company does not count as modification.

FIRE PRECAUTION:

Ensure a water fire extinguisher of at least 9 litres capacity (to deal with the oven and surrounding area) and a bucket of sand are positioned within easy reach. Although we have tested the use of fire extinguishers on the oven with no adverse affect, in case of an emergency, we recommend only sand is used to knock down a fire within the oven. In order to satisfy UK Fire Safety Legislation we strongly suggest that anyone who may tackle a fire should be adequately trained by a fire safety professional.

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1. About your Mezzo 76 Oven

Congratulations you are now the owner of your own registered design Mezzo 76 Oven, by The Stone Bake Oven Company.

Your Mezzo 76 Oven:

- Is hand cast in the UK
- Has Micro-Mesh Technology reinforcement



! Before using the oven, follow all the Mezzo Manual installation steps, check that there are no obvious defects in the oven and that the safety information has been read and understood by anyone using the oven. Failure to do so may void the oven warranty.

TOP TIP:

To get the very most from your oven, be sure to check out the online cooking techniques guide and our free recipes at www.thestonebakeovencompany.co.uk

1.1 Protecting your Mezzo from the elements

If you have purchased the Mezzo 76 Go, we recommend you protect your oven from wet weather and frost in the long term by simply applying the Stone Bake Sealant twice per year, available from the online shop. This ensures your oven's longevity and keeps your oven dry for fast heat up times. If you have purchased our Mezzo 76 Kit and plan to build your oven in, there is no need to apply sealant.

1.2 Mezzo Oven finish

Due to the nature of the materials used to make your oven, and the hand casting process, natural variations between ovens is expected. You may notice slight chipping or pitting of the oven surface - this is normal. Colour variations may also be present, these will even out over time. Here at The Stone Bake Oven Company we believe each oven is unique, adding to its rustic and individual charm.

1.3 Soot

After the first use, your oven may become blackened in parts. This is due to soot accumulation and is a normal expectation of any wood fired oven.

1.4 If your Mezzo Oven chips/ cracks

Take care when maneuvering your Mezzo Oven, as slight chipping may occur. If you would like to smooth any chips or pits in the oven surface, simply ask the Stone Bake team for a patch kit. Due to the expansion and contraction of the oven during

operation, the appearance of hairline cracks, visible during and after operation is expected. This is a normal expectation of any wood fired oven. This WILL NOT affect the longevity and effectiveness of your Stone Bake oven.

1.5 Mezzo reinforcement fibres

On very rare occasions there is potential for fine metal fibres to protrude from the oven base or dome. These fibres can simply be removed or trimmed. Please take care and consideration when maneuvering the oven. We recommend that you wear protective gloves.

1.6 Mezzo Oven maintenance

Great! A self-cleaning oven! The Mezzo 76 boasts very little cleaning and maintenance. All spilled or stuck on food will be burnt off by the heat achieved within the oven. Simply remove the ashes before the next firing in a safe way (see section 3.5).

! Ensure you regularly clean your Mezzo Oven flue, failure to do so may result in a flue fire.

1.7 Building your Mezzo Oven in

If you have purchased the Mezzo 76 Kit oven, you will most probably be planning on building your oven in. When we mention “building the oven in”, we mean applying further insulation to the Mezzo Oven dome and base and building an enclosure around it or rendering it. The benefits of building in a Mezzo Oven include extending heat retention from 4+ hours to over 24+ hours, the oven will be weatherproof and it also gives you the ability to finish your Mezzo Oven to your own design, using wood, brick, metal, stone or other materials. If you have purchased the Mezzo 76 Go oven and decide later that you wish to build your oven in, you can purchase the insulation materials from our online shop.

TOP TIP:

For Mezzo Oven build design examples, visit the Stone Bake website gallery.

TOP TIP:

For excellent, free, easy to follow step-by-step build instructions simply visit the 'Resources' section on the website.

2. Mezzo 76 Oven Assembly

2.1 Mezzo Oven and Flue clearances

Oven clearances are recommended for your safety and the safety of your

property. If you use the oven in its core form (Mezzo 76 Go), greater oven clearances are required. If you choose to build the Mezzo in (Mezzo 76 Kit), lesser oven clearances are required. It is essential that these clearances are maintained. Failure to do so may result in fire.

Mezzo 76 Go, in core form:

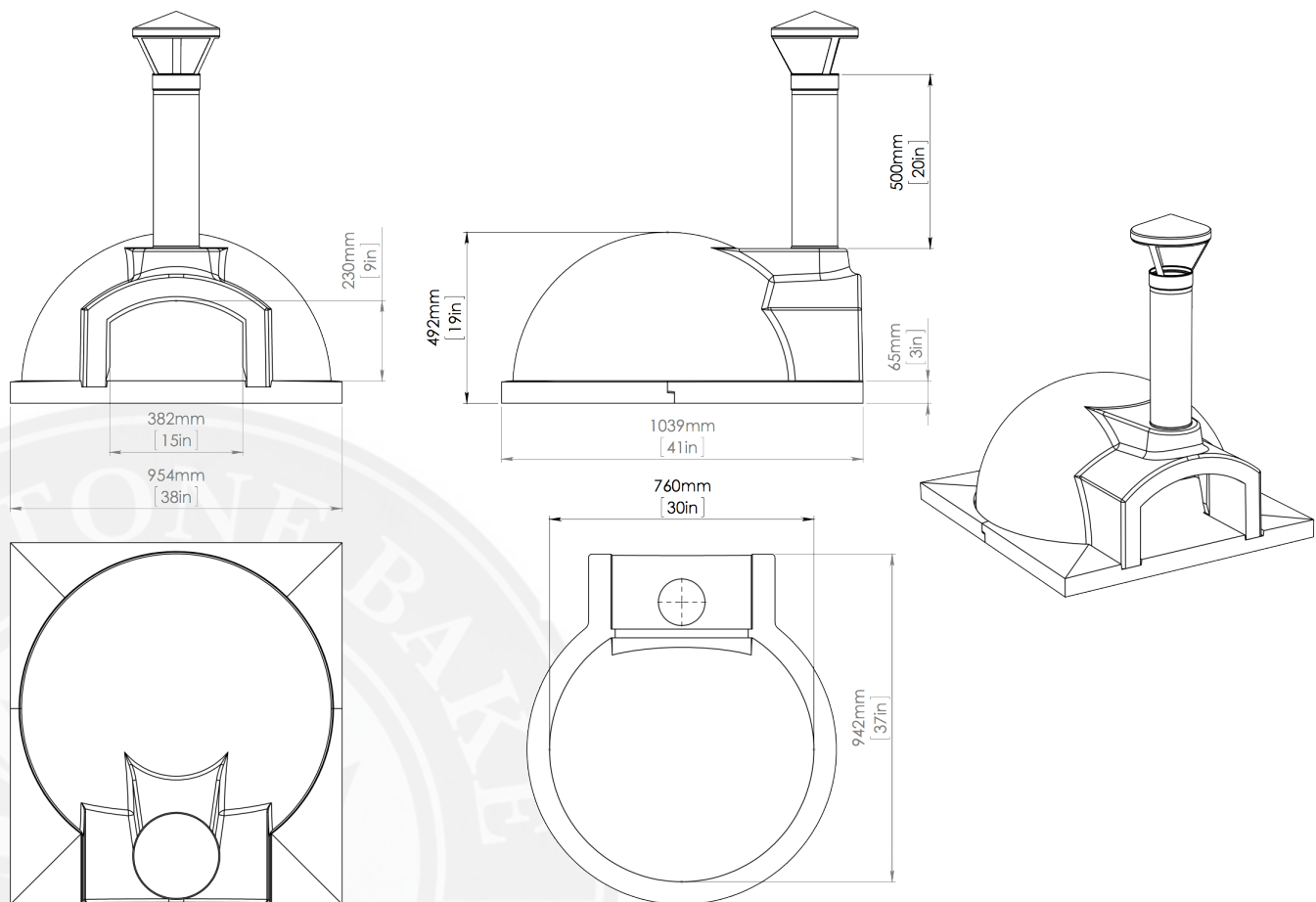
Ensure a 500mm oven clearance is maintained from all walls of the oven and the oven mouth. Ensure at least a 900mm distance is maintained from the oven flue with nothing situated directly above the flue.

Mezzo 76 Kit, built in:

If the Mezzo 76 is built in to meet The Stone Bake Oven Company specifications (dense insulation boards and render/enclosure) oven clearances are reduced to 100mm from all walls of the oven and 900mm from the flue.

2.2 Mezzo Oven delivery

The oven weighs approx 250kg in total; 2 x 75kg base pieces and 1 x 100kg dome.

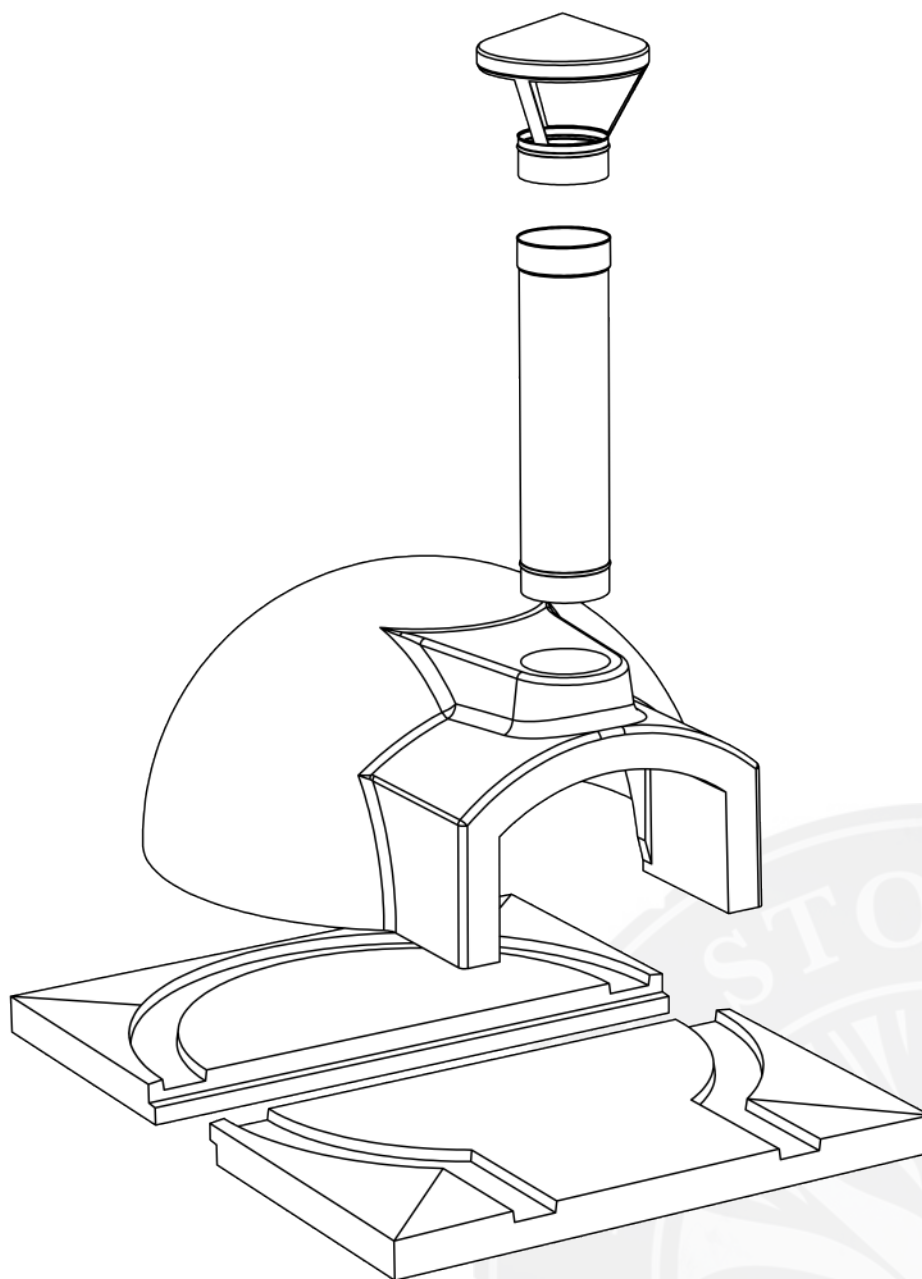


2.3 Mezzo Oven assembly

! **HEAVY:** Oven assembly and movement requires a minimum of 2-3 adults to reduce the risk of bodily injury and oven damage.

! We recommend anyone lifting the oven is adequately trained in lifting techniques.

! Keep fingers and clothing clear from oven base and joints during set down.



Step 1:

Select a location for your Mezzo 76. If outdoors, avoid any windy, exposed areas.

Oven Stands:

- If using the oven in its core form (Mezzo 76 Go), you can purchase a metal, weatherproof stand from The Stone Bake Oven Company online shop.
- You can build a brick or block work stand to place the oven on: Ensure at least 3 sides of the oven are supported by at least 103mm of brick or block work (1 household brick thickness).
- You can build a wooden stand, however you **MUST** adhere to the safety precautions below:

! IMPORTANT INFORMATION WHEN BUILDING A WOODEN STAND:

- There **MUST** be a non-combustible, concrete layer of a minimum thickness of 150mm in between the oven and the wooden frame.
- The wooden stand **MUST** be a wooden frame only, no wood is to run beneath the floor of the oven.
- Please ask The Stone Bake Oven Company for the oven stand advice guide for further detail on wooden base construction.

! WARNING: Failure to adhere to these guidelines when building a wooden stand may result in fire.

Step 2:

Bearing your oven clearances in mind, set the oven base parts down on the Mezzo pre-constructed base. Ensure the oven base is facing the correct way up before setting down so that the grooves (to place the dome in) are showing. To ensure the oven floor is installed level, you can bed under the base pieces using sand or fire cement for a level finish, then place the oven dome on top. For a full how-to assembly video, visit our website.

! Handle the oven parts gently, rough set down may result in oven chipping.

Step 3:

Slot the flue length into the pre-prepared flue hole. Please note this may be a tight fit. Simply sand around the flue hole using medium course sand paper if flue insertion is too challenging. Place the oven cap on top of the flue length. Your oven is now ready to use!

TOP TIP: For a black/coloured flue finish, simply purchase high heat coloured matte spray stove paint and follow pack instructions. Simple!

3. Using your Mezzo Oven

3.1 The 'don't's when using your Mezzo Oven

DO NOT use flammable liquids or sappy wood
DO NOT use treated wood or non-organic firelighters
DO NOT cover entrance of oven
DO NOT place combustible materials within oven clearances
DO NOT overfill the oven
DO NOT use coals in the oven
DO NOT touch hot surfaces with naked skin

3.2 What wood to use in your Mezzo Oven

The Stone Bake Oven Company strongly recommend using kiln dried wood (moisture content under 20%) when using your oven. Seasoned wood, green wood or any wood with a moisture content above 20% will cause your oven to smoke and it will struggle to reach high temperatures.

TOP TIP: To 'kiln dry' your own wood, simply place a stack in the oven after a cooking one evening. The retained heat will dry your logs. Be sure to remove all embers first.

3.3 How to make a fire

Very soon you will be used to firing up your oven and getting a feel for cooking environments. In the meantime, you can watch our firing up videos, read our cooking techniques guide or purchase a thermometer from our online shop.

TOP TIP: The Stone Bake Team are always on hand to answer any query.

Step 1

Using your kiln dried, non treated wood, chop into chunky kindling lengths of around 10 inches and about 3 inches thick.

! Shop bought ready cut kindling can often be too small and will not last in the oven.

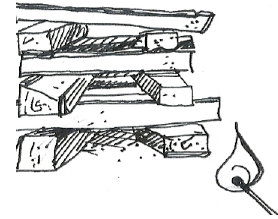
Using a natural fire lighter, place it in centre of the oven floor and make a small cross sectioned structure around it, using your cut kindling. Light the natural fire lighter.



Place fire lighter



Form kindling stack



Light kindling stack

Step 2

Leave the fire stack to burn in the centre of the oven. This ensures the oven dome and base is saturated with heat evenly. Add to the burning kindling stack. You will start to approach optimum cooking temperatures 450+ degrees celcius. You can tell this by using an infra-red thermometer, a floor standing thermometer or when the sooty deposits in the oven diminish.

Step 3

Once you have reached optimum cooking temperatures (450 + degrees celcius), you are ready to start the cooking process. Move the embers of the fire to the back or side of the oven, exposing an area to place food. You can do this using the metal pizza peel and can clear the oven floor using an oven brush or hearth mop.

TOP TIP: Always bring your oven up to optimum cooking temperature first, whether you are cooking pizza in a hot oven or roasting and baking in a cooler oven. This ensures the oven is saturated with heat and will stay hotter for longer.

TOP TIP: Remember to rotate your items to ensure even cooking, also remember to alternate embers on each side of the oven when cooking over long periods to ensure even distribution of heat.

3.3.1 Lighting your oven for the first time/ in Autumn and Winter

Your oven may take a little longer to reach optimum temperatures on your first firing; this is normal. In autumn and winter during wet weather or low temperatures, ensure you light the oven slow and steady and at a stable rising temperature for over 35+ minutes. Then resume with your regular firing technique.

! Failure to light the oven slowly in these instances may cause the oven damage and may affect your oven warranty.

3.4 How to cook in your Mezzo 76 Oven

The Mezzo 76 Oven has the same cooking abilities as all of our wood fired oven range. You can cook virtually anything in a wood fired oven and achieve a range of different cooking techniques. Cook pizza, roast, grill,

bake and more, using the different phases of heat in the oven. For an easy step-by-step guide, visit our cooking techniques guide, available online with our free recipes. For foodie inspiration visit our Twitter and Facebook page, or get interactive and send in your pictures.

TOP TIP: The door provided with your oven can be used for a range of different cooking techniques including roasting and baking. The oven door can also be utilised to extinguish a fire. Simply place the door in the oven doorway. Take care when doing so!

TOP TIP: Customers who have purchased the Mezzo 76 Kit and built their oven in can make the most of the slow roasting and overnight cooking in the residual heat of their oven! Visit our cooking techniques guide for tips on this style of cooking.

3.5 How to dispose of ashes safely

Even if its been over 24 hours since firing, the ashes from your oven can still be a fire risk. Ensure you wait until the oven is definitely cool before attempting to remove the ash. Remove ash with appropriate tools e.g. oven brush and place in a metal bucket with a sealable lid away from combustible materials.

3.6 Oven Tools

To run your oven safely and effectively, it is essential that you use the correct tools. A large range of tools are available to purchase on our website from our online store. Ensure all pots and pans used are appropriate for high temperatures. We recommend cast iron pots and pans for cooking in your wood fired oven.

4. Mezzo 76 Oven Warranty

Mezzo 76 Oven Warranty

The Stone Bake Oven Company, producer of wood-fired ovens, warrants the Mezzo Oven to be free from defects in workmanship and materials for the period of 1 year from the date of delivery.

Investigation of claims against warranty

The Stone Bake Oven Company reserves the right to investigate any/all claims against its warranty/this warranty, then subsequently decide upon method of settlement.

Warranty Qualifications

The warranty outlined above is subject to accordance with the following qualifications:

- 1) The warranty does not apply to normal wear and tear of the oven or small/ fine cracks which may appear due to the natural expansion and contraction under heat of the oven dome and base.
- 2) The Stone Bake Oven Company Mezzo Oven is installed in accordance to the Mezzo Installation Instructions, as outlined in The Stone Bake Oven Company Manual and complies with local building regulations and Health and Safety restrictions.
- 3) The Mezzo Oven is subject to normal use, as defined by the operational manual. The Stone Bake Oven Company does not warrant the Mezzo Oven when any other fuels apart from dry untreated wood is burnt, as this may cause damage to the oven.
- 4) This warranty does not apply to cracking after overfilling the oven, or failing to use recommended fuels and/or failing to follow the guidelines of slow firing in autumn and winter.

Limitation Liability

Under this warranty and any other warranty expressed or implied by the Stone Bake Oven Company to the purchaser/s, shall be limited to repair, replacement or refund, subject to warranty qualifications being met as defined above.

In no event shall The Stone Bake Oven Company be responsible or liable for any incidental and consequential damages to property, losses, bodily injuries and the like, caused by defects in its products. Whether or not such damage is caused by The Stone Bake Oven Company's negligence or such damage is discovered before or after replacement or repair.

Dealers and employees have no authority to alter this warranty

Dealers and Stone Bake Oven Company employees have no authority to make any warranties or authorise any remedies which are not in accordance, or which are in addition to, those stated above.

How to register a claim against the warranty

In order for a claim against this warranty and for it to be valid, The Stone Bake Oven Company must be notified by telephone 0845 834 0252 or in writing to The Stone Bake Oven Company, Units 18 + 19 Christchurch Business Park, The Runway, Radar Way, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 4FL. Claims should include the description of defect and original date of delivery with copy of original delivery/ advice note. Claims are to be made within 1 year of the advice note and delivery date.

Notes





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